

ITEM # 2

PREPARED BY: LOU GEATER

COMMISSIONER: MULROY

APPROVED BY: _____
COUNTY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE DEEP SYMPATY OF SHELBY COUNTY
GOVERNMENT TO THE FAMILY OF JUDGE KENNETH A. TURNER FOR HIS
UNTIMELY PASSING ON FEBRUARY 12, 2008

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the Shelby County Board of Commissioners should extend the deep sympathy of Shelby County Government to the family of Judge Kenneth A. Turner, a dedicated lifelong public servant and beloved citizen of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Turner departed this earthly life on February 12, 2008 at age 79; and

WHEREAS, In November 1963, Judge Turner was first elected as Judge of the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County, and was subsequently re-elected until choosing not to seek re-election 2006; and

WHEREAS, Judge Turner was a consistent advocate of strengthening laws against child abuse, and authored several state laws pertaining to paternity and child support issues; and

WHEREAS, Under Judge Turner's leadership, Juvenile Court grew to an operation employing approximately 400 appointees and civil servants, legitimized over 150,000 children, and collected over \$1.1 billion in child support; and

WHEREAS, Over his 42 year career, numerous government and private agencies recognized Judge Turner for his service, including the Administration for Children and Families of the US Department of Health and Human Services, Associated Catholic Charities of Memphis, Al-Chymia Shrine Temple, and the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and

WHEREAS, Judge Turner leaves behind his beloved wife, Mrs. Mary Sue Ballard Turner, his daughter, Dr. Joy Maness, and son-in-law, Jerry Maness, as well as a host of friends and former employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That the deepest sympathies of Shelby County Government are extended to the entire Turner family for the loss of their loved one, Judge Kenneth A. Turner.

A C Wharton, Jr., County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED:_____